

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY**

**VESSEL NAME: 'PESCADOR', WN7335 S**

**SAN JUAN COUNTY, acting as an authorized public entity with the authority granted in RCW 79.100, intends to take custody of the vessel described above, on January 5th, 2012. The vessel has been declared derelict/abandoned as it meets the definition of a derelict/abandoned vessel as described in RCW 798.100(1). Once custody is obtained, San Juan County is authorized to use or dispose of it in any appropriate and environmentally sound manner without further notice to the owner.**

**In order for the owner to retain custody of the vessel, the owner must move it to an anchorage area or moorage facility that is legal, or remove the vessel from the water. Also, it needs a current registration.**

**If the owner wishes to redeem the vessel once San Juan County has taken custody, the owner must commence a lawsuit to contest San Juan County's decision to take custody of the vessel, or the amount of reimbursement owed, in the superior court of the county in which the vessel was located. The lawsuit must be commenced within ten days of losing custody or the owner's right to a hearing is waived and the owner will be liable for any costs owed to San Juan County.**

**The costs the owner may be liable for include, but are not limited to, costs incurred exercising the authority granted in RCW 79.100.030, all administrative costs incurred by the authorized public entity during the procedure set forth in RCW 79.100.040, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damages directly or indirectly caused by the vessel.**

**For information regarding this action, contact:**

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